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Public Meetings Planned in Davidson, Sumner Counties on Wolf Creek Dam Rehabilitation

NASHVILLE, TENN. (October 12, 2006) – Last summer, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, announced plans for extensive rehabilitation of the foundation of Wolf Creek Dam.

The \$300 million rehabilitation plan was approved in August of 2005 by officials at the Corps' Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Early construction efforts and design are underway and completion is scheduled for 2013.

Two public meetings are planned this month to help answer the questions of residents who live downstream. A Davidson County meeting is scheduled for October 23 at the Goodlettsville City Hall from 6:30 – 8 p.m. A Sumner County meeting is planned at the Volunteer State Community College on October 30 between 6:30-8 p.m.

Since the rehabilitation plan was approved and funding began, 10 public meetings have been conducted in communities adjacent to the lake and downstream along the river. The public meetings are designed to inform citizens about the dam's history and monitoring efforts, as well as current and planned rehabilitation work which include a foundation cut-off wall. County Emergency Management personnel will also provide an overview of evacuation planning.

Wolf Creek Dam is 300 miles upstream of Nashville on the Cumberland River near Jamestown, Kentucky. The 54-year old Dam has a history of foundation seepage problems which have shown signs of slowly worsening in recent years. Corps officials believe the rehabilitation work will improve the long-term reliability of the dam and is a timely repair well

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in advance of critical hazard.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, Nashville District, Corps of Engineers at 615-736-7161. Persons who have an accommodation request or special need (e.g., sign language interpreter), should submit a request for accommodation in writing to Bill Peoples, chief, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, Tenn., 37202 or by calling (615) 736-7841. Two weeks advance notice is encouraged. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act, the Corps of Engineers will make a reasonable effort to provide effective accommodations for all participants.

Media Advisory: Please publish the notice of the public meeting in your community section. The public and the media are invited to the meetings. There will be a media availability after the public meetings with members of the panel of experts from the Corps of Engineers and Emergency Management personnel.